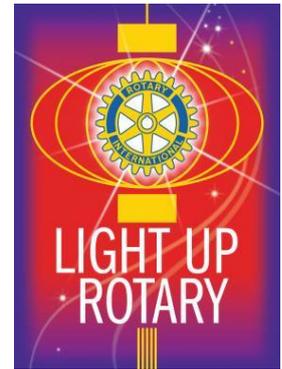




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Club of Forest Hill

Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
25 th May	<i>Secondary Schools Citizen Award</i>	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant
1 st June	<i>Handbrake Turn Presentation</i>	Bill Marsh	Graham Sharman
8 th June	NO MEETING	Ann Onymous	N. O'Need
15 th June	<i>Exploring Van Dieman's Land</i> Bob Williams	John McPhee	Ray Smith

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

On the 25th May 2005, Liverpool soccer club won the FIFA Champions League against AC Milan of Italy 3-2 on penalties in Istanbul and also on this day in 1977 Liverpool won the 22nd Europe Cup final in Rome.



DUTY ROSTER

	May	June
Cashier	John McPhee	Bob Williams
Recorder	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Stuart Williams	Ray Smith
Emergency	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

MAY IS BOWEL SCAN MONTH. \$10 COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE
90 kits sold to date by “our” two pharmacies

BILL'S BLURB

- Five members attended District Assembly on Sunday. It was interesting to hear about some of the projects being undertaken by other clubs and to take the chance to focus on what we have achieved. As a club with fifteen members we have a great deal of which to be proud. We have been involved in almost 50 different projects and have raised and distributed around \$38,000. Assembly is all about the future and so President Elect Bob Williams is already well advanced in planning another busy, productive year for us.
- On Monday night we held our Apprentice Awards night. As always it is great to see how much these awards mean to the young people who have earned them. It was also great to hear how one of last year's recipients had gone on to complete his apprenticeship and was now a contributing member of the workforce. The awards are not targeted at the 'best & brightest' but rather at the 'committed and need a hand'. It was lovely to have Gary Davis and Marg Taylor with us for the presentations.
- On Monday we will have the inaugural 'Community Service Awards'. These have been created by our hardworking Youth Service Committee and have flowed from the hugely successful 'Larry the Lorikeet' project from last year. Five secondary colleges have nominated students for these awards which are targeted at Years 7-9, an area not covered by existing Rotary programs. The enthusiasm with which these have been greeted by the schools indicates that, yet again, the Youth Service Committee has come up with a winner.
- This week I received a lovely hamper from our local Federal MP, Michael Sukkar. We will raffle this beautiful basketful of chocolates over the next couple of weeks to raise additional fund for our programs. Michael is a great supporter of Rotary and the work it does and we thank him for his involvement.
- Jenny and Roger Coburn are now living in Sydney and will shortly join the Rotary Club of Mount Druitt. Thank you, Jenny, for your contribution to our club and Good Luck for the future.

DIARY DATES

25 th May	YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
1 st June	HAND BRAKE TURN PRESENTATION
2 nd June	HAND BRAKE TURN GRADUATION AT DANDENONG 12.30PM
12 th June	PERIDOT THEATRE
13 th June	BLACKBURN MARKET
14 th June	WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET
27 th June	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER
29th June	CLUB CHANGEOVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)
14 th Sept	DG VISIT

Little Known Fact:

A 'knot' is something tied in a single piece of rope or line. Something that joins two ropes together is a 'bend'

Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

It's hard to believe that not only was our Sergeant welcomed back warmly from his Thai holiday but we gave him \$80.30 of our "hard earned" in fines. You should have seen the gold painted runners he came back with! He didn't have the guts to say he actually chose them so he manufactured some story about they were the only ones of his size in the shop and they would not give him his money back. I've heard some stories but you don't expect us to believe you paid money for them.

But it was a memorable night for more than just Stuart's runners. It was our annual Box Hill Institute night when we award three \$1,500 scholarships to an electrical, an automotive and a carpentry apprentice. Marg Taylor came along to watch the award to the electrical apprentice named after Graham Taylor and Gary Davis represented all three Davis brothers to oversee the Gysi Davis awards. Tony Wilson, Head of School, who with 50 staff looks after the education and well being of 1,900 students, gave us an update on how the Institute is going including the expansion into Lilydale. He told us specifically about a deaf student in carpentry who they accepted with some trepidation because of the risks dealing with machinery and whether he could fit in and interface with other apprentices. They need not have worried as all the apprentices learned sign language.

Gary Davis spoke about the background these awards honouring the Davis name and stressed endeavour in the face of adversity, a strength Ford Davis admired. We heard from Tim Heazlewood, a teacher in the carpentry trades about the challenge of falling numbers in wood working and how they had successfully integrated an autistic student into the course. Then we heard from Jacob, the carpentry apprentice, who spent some time in Tasmania before continuing his apprenticeship back here in Melbourne.

Aiden Wroe came up and spoke to us in accepting his electrical scholarship. We then heard from Frank Marinelli who along with Toni Conti had come along to support Jordan, the automotive apprentice. Frank also told us of a deaf apprentice who had gone through Box Hill and was now working on diesels in Sydney. Jordan is at BMW Doncaster so knew Stuart very well. Nights don't get much better than this in Rotary. (see photos on p 6, more on the website)

The raffle raised \$76.50 (an unusual amount considering tickets are \$2 each of 3 for \$5). Chris won a bottle of wine and due to the large amount contributed we had a second prize, won as usual by Glenys.

Notes by Ron Brooks

MAY IS BOWELSCAN MONTH

Every year at this time Rotary, through Australian Rotary Health, has promoted the delivery and collection of Bowel Scan kits. All it costs is \$10. A kit can be picked up at your local participating pharmacy by anybody over the age of 40. The returned kits are processed and results notified to participants FREE of charge. This year RC of Forest Hill is delivering and picking up kits at Brentford Square pharmacy and Forest Hill Priceline pharmacy. The pharmacies willingly provide their involvement at no cost. So please support these two pharmacies and also encourage your friends and family to take part by taking a test

"Our" two pharmacies sold 90 of these kits in the two weeks. A very worthwhile no cost to the club project.

ROTARY BALLARAT CONFERENCE

"If anyone wants a copy of the conference DVD please let me know and I'll do a copy for you." *from Bob Williams*

FELLOWSHIP at PERIDOT THEATRE

The next production is **SHUSH** a funny and insightful glimpse into the power of female friendship : 5 women 5 different stories on a girls night in .It's Brenda's birthday and she is in no mood to celebrate.However her friends have other ideas and after cake and a few bacardis- it turns out Brenda is not the only one with problems

Suggested date is opening night, Friday **12th June 2015** , cost seniors \$23.00. Early booking secures the best seats. Folder will go around next Monday. **Honorary Members**, please ring 98419535 or email j_mcphee@optusnet.com.au to secure your bookings thank you. John

STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them. They are looking for work to do. You must all get some snail mail. A no cost project.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, will be for President of RI in 2015-16. And for the record, John F Germ of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA is RI President Elect.



All attendees were at the first session to hear David and Alison Tolstrup, and Ian Risely. DGE David said that Membership was the single most important issue as members are the sales people. Retention is vital as it is easier to retain a member than to find a new one just like it is with a customer in a shop. Relevance to our neighbourhood is vital. We must sell what customers want to buy. Clusters of clubs can generate more useful projects than individual clubs. Domestic Violence and

Men's Health (more men die of issues related to prostate cancer than women of issues relating to breast cancer). He wanted to see focus on Mental Health, Young driver education, Inerplast and Australian Rotary Health.

Alison said that her project in 2015/16 was related to food security for indigenous youngsters in the Kimberleys. Specifically, "Feed the little children" in Broome that delivers 300 evening meals to children and a project at a school in the Bungle Bungles giving breakfast/morning tea/ lunch to school children and establishing a kitchen garden.

PDG Ian Risely was asked to speak on the next 10 years. Membership in the Rotary world is aging and would be aging faster if it wasn't for younger members joining in India, Korea, and Taiwan. These countries are also moving Rotary eastward and when China opens up they will quickly establish 1,000 clubs there. Australia meanwhile has lost two districts in recent years. Women make up 20% of the world Rotary membership and Australian membership this will increase closer to the 50% representative of the population. They, along with the children of Rotary and Rotary alumni (returned exchange students, RYLA, RYPEN, GSE team members, and peace scholars) are three groups to target for membership. Clubs will consolidate. D9810's largest clubs are small by world standards. There will be more corporate partnerships. There will be a

female world President, already we have had 2 female vice presidents. Perhaps some Rotarians in future will not belong to a specific club but will be what he called "Rotarians at large". Rotary will get the Nobel Peace Prize perhaps linked with another (perhaps the Gates Foundation) when polio is finally eradicated. He reminded us that in the last three weeks there have been no new cases of polio and there have only been 23 new cases in the year to date.

Notes by Ron Brooks

District Assembly 17th May 2015

Chris had other commitments so made his way to Parkdale Secondary College separately while Bill kindly drove Glenys, Ron and me.

We watched a video clip of RI President Ravi Ravindran and the format for the day was explained. PDG David Alexander had done a lot of work producing a Resources guide that had been handed to PE's at PETS and was again in our "show bags" at the Assembly. We thought this guide very beneficial. We broke into groups with PE's remaining in the auditorium and Treasurers, Secretary's etc filing off into other rooms for their discussions.

DGE David Tolstrup addressed my group and urged us to remind clubs to respect RSVP dates etc as we were asked to advise numbers attending Assembly by 11th May at which date there were 175 attending whereas 295 turned up on the day. Forest Hill has an excellent record in this regard. David urged good governance, succession planning, use of Club Central where indicated, as now to be eligible for a Presidential Citation a club has to enter all details onto Club Central. Keep club websites up to date and we are fortunate to have Secretary Ron doing this for us so again we have an excellent record in keeping this up to date and relevant.

District Budget was passed.

DG Partner's project this year will be supporting vegetable/kitchen gardens in several indigenous communities in the Kimberley.

We broke into clusters with the rest of the day spent working through the service projects as listed in the resource guide. Our Forest Hill members concluded that with over 40 programs we support already, any new ones (we hope to add Domestic Violence Awareness plus RYDA to our bulging load) will need careful monitoring of time required and we may need to look at releasing some existing programs to balance our workload. Some useful discussion on programs the other Whitehorse clubs run and as usual the opportunity to network with other club members was a plus but we thought the Assembly could have emphasised more the major areas of learning, how to be a secretary etc., with "veteran" secretaries such as Ron passing on ideas to newer secretaries as part of the sessions. We felt that the cluster work could have been reduced to mainly agreeing on what projects could be best achieved with multi club support and leave the bulk of this work then to be done by the Presidents at their subsequent cluster meetings. My feeling is that having DG David (with Alison's support) leading us we are in for a great year.

Notes by Bob Williams

One of the break out sessions was on Youth Service (see the following)

Youth Services Report.

Incoming Youth Service District Chairperson Judith Eadon chaired, to an appreciative audience, a very interesting segment of today's District seminar.

Topics covered by Speakers included i.e. NYSF, RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA, Conoco-Phillips Science experience etc. Handouts were very useful and full of up-to-date information and

contacts. Some of us brought up the lack of programs for Primary schools and our two Forest Hill projects were discussed.

Selwyn Shahine spoke very enthusiastically about Interact clubs and how to set one up. He said there are about 17,500 clubs internationally and he is hoping to support our local clubs and schools in the District in increasing this number.

Firstly – the musts...

Students driving this project need first to be schooled in leadership and teamwork via RYPEN. Schools need to show full commitment. Meetings are held every fortnight and a Rotarian must be present at each meeting.

To keep up interest Speakers are needed - professionals who can talk about their careers, etc.

Sponsoring Club pays for set-up costs , lapel pins, luncheons, drinks, materials, etc.

Two projects should be undertaken - i.e. one local, one international.

Students would undertake to fundraise in conjunction with Rotary (and he described one such effort that in one night raised over \$3000.00).

Doncaster Secondary College started their Interact club with a small number of students. That number rapidly grew to 55 and is now 96. Membership of the group is restricted to yr 9-12 students.

Selwyn may be contacted on 0438 652 565. He is happy to discuss any aspects of setting up a club with any interested parties.

Notes by Glenys Grant Youth Service 2015-16

There was a separate Secretary break out sessions but no useful information was passed on.

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. Picked up another 3.3 kg of foreign coins and some notes from **RC of Emerald & District** at the last President's meeting. The total now is **104 kgs plus the wad of notes** is getting much larger.

Plus, the **RC of Hampton** have told me they are going to collect foreign coins at their monthly Farmers Market (a big thankyou to Kylie McMillan). The list of clubs participating in this project is growing and clearly more are collecting and not telling me.

Report by Ron Brooks

REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

Programs Recognising the Ability in Disability: It is a proud moment in Rotary when we are able to link with and join together with our community members with a disability to recognise their achievements. What an amazing buzz this is.

OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

Your intrepid editor was persuaded by friends and high scoring critics to go and see **The Leviathan**, without knowing the story. It is a Russian film with English subtitles. The hero ends up in jail over a trumped up charge of murdering his wife. His wife committed suicide. All the men in the film drink copious quantities of vodka mostly straight out of the bottle. The corrupt officials win out. All depressing. Is this really Russia or are we being brain washed by our media and officials into believing this is what happens in Russia? Two and half hours of sadness and frustration.

We also went to **Madame Butterfly** at the State theatre. An opera in Italian with English subtitles, sung by Japanese soprano Hiromi Omura. Puccini composed some of the world's most famous operas: *La bohème*, *Tosca* and *Turandot*. Madame Butterfly and this rendering of the aria '*Un bel dì, vedremo*' brought tears flowing. She is famous for her Cio-Cio-San and we were lucky to marvel at her. The "rat", Lieutenant Pinkerton was booed at the end by people who simultaneously applauded his singing and laughed at their booping. What a rat for leaving a young geisha pregnant. Going back to America to get a wife and not having the character to face his Japanese "wife" when he came back three years later. Two and half hours of pleasure.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER Sat 27th June

Details have been circulated.

Venue: Karralyka Centre, Mines Rd, Ringwood Mel 50A6

7pm for 7:30pm

Cost: \$60

RSVP: 12th June

Please tell Sec Ron if you are going.

Pres Bill & Judy, PE Bob & Barb, Jenny & Roger and Ron & Robbie have booked so far.



from left to right

Aiden Wroe (electrical), Tim Heazlewood, Jacob Whitfield (carpentry), Marg Taylor, Pres Bill Marsh, Gary Davis, Frank Marinelli, Jordan Lee (automotive)

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2014-15	2015-16
President	Bill Marsh	Bob Williams
Vice President	John Donaghey	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott	Warwick Stott
President Elect	Bob Williams	
Sergeant	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
Foundation/International	Chris Tuck	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
Youth Service	Glenys Grant	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
Community & Vocation	Bob Laslett	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Membership & Publicity	Doug Berwick	John McPhee
Members	John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
Fellowship	John McPhee	John Donaghey
Primary Schools Speech Night	John McPhee	Bob Williams
Programme	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
Bulletin Editor	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
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On to Conference	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
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Have a look, give me some ideas, send me a story to put on, give me some photos, tell me what you think of it, give me some feedback, tell me what is missing.

www.foresthillrotary.com

WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair....bed?

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